manufacturer. The major reasons are energy conservation, higher operational efficiency, service reliability, easier and reduced maintenance, reduced in-effective and higer availability for traffic use. There is no proposal to import diesel locomotives to replace the type of diesel locomotives being manufactured by CLW.

Construction of foot over-bridge at railway stations

2523. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct foot over-bridge at Palnagar, Gobra, Mirzapur, Bankipur, Balarambati, Madhusudanpur, Porabazar, Sabaichandi, Nabagram, Chanchal Halt stations;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of passen gers who travelled from these stations during the last three years, Station-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Provision of foot-over-bridges at different stations is planned on a need-based programme subject to availability Of funds. Foot-over-bridges are not available at Belanagar, Gobra, Mirza-pur-Bankipur Balarambati, Madhusudanpur, Porabazar, Sibaichandi, Nab-gram, Chanchal Halt stations and proposals to provide foot-over-bridges at these stations will be considered for inclusion in Railway's future works programme, subject to availability of funds and comperative needs of other stations.

(c) Stations-wise figures of average number of passengers booked per day during the last three years are indicated beow:—

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1. Belanagar	1030	1260	1289
2. Gobra	1124	1244	1288
3. Mirzapur-Bankipur	1255	1647	1515
4. Balarambati	1193	1405	1558
5. Madhusundanpur	1314	1219	1231
6. Porabazar	577	876	664
7. Sibaichandi	766	949	1049
8. Nabagram	392	463	485
9. Chanchai Halt	152	175	200

Making Kanchanjunga Express and Tista Brahmaputra Express as Daily Trains

2524. SHRl SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run 57/58 Kanchanjunga Express and 67/68 Tista-Brahmaputra Express as daily trains;

(b) if so, by when stating the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) 57/58 Howrah-New Jalpaiguri Kanchanjunga Express and 67/68 New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon Tista-Brahmaputra Express have been merged to run as a daily service between Howrah and Guwahati since 1-5-1988.

(c) Does not arise.

Stoppage of Avadh-Assam Express at Falakata

2525. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the basis forgranting stoppage of trains at different sta tions; and